

House Resolution

No. 30

Introduced by Assembly Members Yamada and Eggman

February 11, 2014

House Resolution No. 30—Relative to Social Work Month.

- 1 WHEREAS, March 2014 is recognized nationally as “Social
2 Work Month” and this year’s theme is, “All People Matter”; and
3 WHEREAS, The social work profession has its roots in the 1889
4 Chicago settlement house movement led by the “Mother of Social
5 Work,” Jane Addams; and
6 WHEREAS, The primary mission of the social work profession
7 is to enhance and meet the basic needs of all people, with particular
8 attention to the needs and empowerment through social action and
9 social justice for those who are poor, oppressed, and living in
10 poverty; and
11 WHEREAS, Today, there are over 640,000 professional social
12 workers in the United States, over 50,000 of whom are in
13 California; and
14 WHEREAS, There are over 4,000 graduate students in the social
15 work pipeline in 21 accredited California State University,
16 University of California, and private programs throughout the
17 state; and
18 WHEREAS, Professional social workers train in an intensive
19 combination of classroom and community experiences focused on
20 individuals, families, and communities in crisis and in need of
21 help; and
22 WHEREAS, Professional social workers provide services across
23 the age spectrum, from prenatal to end of life services; and

1 WHEREAS, Professional social workers serve in diverse
2 settings, including schools, courtrooms, health clinics, hospitals,
3 senior centers, homeless shelters, nursing homes, the military,
4 disaster relief, prisons, corporations, and in political office; and

5 WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have served in
6 Congress include the Honorable Ron Dellums, MSW, the
7 Honorable Barbara Lee, MSW, and the Honorable Susan Davis,
8 MSW, and who have served in the California State Legislature
9 include the Honorable Mary Salas, BSW, and the Honorable Patty
10 Berg, B.A. in social work; and

11 WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have combined
12 their leadership skills and knowledge of community development
13 into distinguished positions include Arturo Rodriguez, MSW,
14 President of the United Farmworkers Organization, and James
15 Mize, MSW, Sacramento Superior Court Judge; now, therefore,
16 be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
18 Assembly proclaims March 2014 “Social Work Month” in the
19 State of California, commends the California Chapter of the
20 National Association of Social Workers, which celebrates its 40th
21 anniversary, for its role in advancing professional social work and
22 promoting the well-being of the people of California, and urges
23 all Californians to take part in March “All People Matter” events
24 throughout California; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
26 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.